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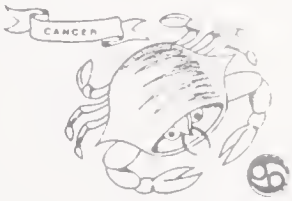

Numismatics is slow in the summer time. To create some interest in attendance, why not order a slide set from the TNA Memorial Library.

1st REMEMBER The 1st of August is the deadline for the September issue of TNA NEWS.

LYMAN C. BARTEE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The short supply of gasoline could be a contributing factor and excuse for a smaller attendance at club-sponsored coin shows. However this obstacle may be partly overcome by more local publicity. More people will be unable to travel on weekends when most local shows are held. Local publicity may increase the overall expense of the show, thereby showing less profit.

The purpose of the local show should be to promote numismatics in the area which means the majority of the profits should be utilized in this manner.

A few ways this money can be used are: first, in the facilities where the show is held are such that exhibits can be had. Suitable awards should be provided, this will decrease the profits. Realizing that there is a point where expense can be no greater than income, awards may not always be feasible. Where profit does exist after the above other programs for the furtherance of numismatics may be adopted, books may be placed in school or public libraries, sponsor clubs for the elderly in nursing homes and in areas where there is interest but not the means to support themselves.

Support TNA, ANA, ANS or any other national numismatic non-profit group in which your members are interested.

There is always at least one individual in the club who contributes much time, usually more money than he can justly afford to the furtherance of numismatics in the area and for the club. That individual would be most appreciative and the club would benefit greatly if the club would share in a generous amount toward the expense incurred when that dedicated member attends the ANA or TNA conventions. The club will reap greater dividends than using these profits for social activities only. In talking with dealers, the people who really pay the bills and provide the profits, many express a dislike for subsidizing local social activities and not promoting numismatics which is the life-giving stream of continued successful shows.

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According to the official TNA Convention Rules and Regulations under the section titled "Bourse Chairman, Section B Article 3 quote "Dealers being assigned bourse space agree to the rules listed on application forms. Dealers and all assistants at the con-

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THE JAPANESE OBAN

William O. West
INTERCOIN

Marco Polo described Zipangu (Japan) as an island of considerable size, having gold of great abundance. This was in 1297 A.D. For some 300 years prior to this time, Japan had been sending gold and silver to China to pay for copper coins, which she used in addition to her own initial coinage of 708-958 A.D. which, alone, was considered unsatisfactory for her needs.

Polo was correct. Japan had gold, yet it was to be another 300 years before she minted gold coins in amounts sufficient for her own use, and this in all probability was brought about by contact with occidentals who in this great era of exploration discovered Japan. In the middle and late 16th century the Portugese arrived and established trade. They were followed by missionaries. St. Francis Xavier preached in Kagoshima, the musket was introduced, Japanese envoys visited Europe, and Kyoto merchants planned a voyage to Nova Espana (Mexico).

A peasant-born early-day dictator named Toyotomi Hideyoshi brought the country under his thumb and planned an invasion of Korea to enlarge his empire and insure trade routes to China. During this period, a more practical type of gold money appeared to replace the nuggets, ingots, and Sunakin (gold dust) then in use. It was called Oban.

Among the gold coins of the world perhaps none is more unusual than the Oban, the large "plate" of beaten gold which served as the foundation of the government economy during the last days of the Momoyama Period and through all of the Tokuga Shogunate from 1585-1870. The Oban (literally "large size gold") are fine-lived sheets of gold about as thick as a [illegible] quarter, averaging about six inches in width. Their average weight is about 150 grams or five and one-half ounces. There are nine types, including several varieties, listed in Japanese numismatic catalogs and publications. All should be regarded with suspicion by the prospective buyer, as many imitations are known to exist.

Counterfeiters spare no expense in

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —

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vention, other than members of their immediate families, must be members of TNA. TNA membership must be in the name of the individual. Business firms are not eligible for membership."

To qualify for a table at the 1980 convention to be held April 25, 26, 27 in Houston, non-members must apply for TNA membership prior to Feb. 1980 and all present regular and associate members of TNA must have paid 1980 dues prior to Mar. 1, 1980 so that applications for membership can be processed and accepted prior to the convention.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

The following persons have not answered our notices and their INA medal sets will be sold to someone else within two weeks of the publication of this **INA NEWS** if we have not heard from them

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duplicating such scarce coins, we were taking care to comply fully with the requirements as to gold content. The value of the gold Oban was 10 Ryo (10 taels), the Ryo being the standard gold monetary unit prior to the Meiji reforms of 1870.

The first type, the Mumei Oban, was issued during the reign of Emperor Ogimachi in the 13th year of the Tensho Era (1585). It was oval shaped, similar to all later types, but it had no markings, and is referred to as the "uninscribed Oban." These coins are extremely rare today.

Issues of the second type, struck in about the 19th year of the Tensho Era (1591), were of the three varieties of the Tensho Oban. These were different from the Mumei in that they bore two kinds of markings — those stamped into the metal, and those which were brushed on with India ink.

The Tensho Hishuchimon Ichi variety has three diamond shaped Kurimon (Paulownia Flower) crests on the obverse — one at the top, and two at the bottom. On the face of the coin, reading from top to bottom, are the value, 10 Ryo, and the signature of the Goto family, Imperial mint masters, in India ink. The other varieties, the Tensho and the Tensho Naga Koban Oban, were much the same, and were nearly all subsequent types, bearing the impressed Kurimon crests, [illegible] shape.

The third type, a [illegible] about 1590-1593, [illegible] after the [illegible] Hideyoshi [illegible] Hideyoshi [illegible] other [illegible]

help finance his invasion of Korea. The Taiko Oban is different than the Tensho in that all markings are stamped into the soft metal. These comprise a dozen small kirimon around the perimeter of the obverse, plus four larger fan-shaped kirimon on the face. "Oban" in Chinese characters at the upper center and at the bottom center: the Goto signature. No ink was used on this coin.

The fourth type, the Daibutsu (Great Buddha) Oban, supposedly was issued to commemorate the rebuilding of an earthquake-damaged statue of Buddha in Osaka about 1603, however some refute this and date the coin in the 16th year of Tensho, 1588. The coin is similar to, and possibly is a special or early issue of, the Tensho Oban.

The fifth through ninth types include the Keicho Oban, 1601, Genroku Oban, 1695, Kyoho Oban, 1725, Temp Oban, 1838, and the Mannen Oban, 1860. The principal difference in appearance between these coins and the Tensho (besides the slightly smaller size of the Temp and Mannen) is the size of the circular kiri crests and ink inscriptions, both of which are much larger on the later issues. The gold content varied considerably, however in the various types. The gold fineness of the Tensho is .710, of the Keicho, .671, the Genroku, .531, Kyoho, .676, Temp, .673, and the Mannen, a low .363.

The Oban was the first, but not the last, of the thin, beaten gold coins of Japan. After the first Oban issues, smaller units valued at one Ryo were introduced. These coins are called

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John Paul Jones and the man-of-war Bonhomme Richard, were approved by the Society's National Medals Program Advisory Committee, according to Fred Schwengel, Society president.

The panel selection is in recognition of the 200th anniversary this year of John Paul Jones' sea victory of the Bonhomme Richard over the British frigate Seraphis. It was during the sea duel between these two vessels that Captain Jones spoke the famous words known to most American youth. In response to a British demand for his surrender, Captain Jones defiantly replied, "I have not yet begun to fight."

Public Law 95-493 which authorizes the Society to issue commemorative medals was signed by President Carter on Oct. 20, 1978. The 1979 medal will be minted by the Medallic Art Co. of Danbury, Conn.

The medals will be issued in gold, silver and bronze, and in the same sizes as the 1978 medal, which was the first in a 13 year historical series dedicated to important American personalities and events in the period between Independence and the signing of the Constitution.

Schwengel also announced that the Society intends to issue a limited edition First Day Cover combination featuring its medal together with a John Paul Jones commemorative stamp to be issued by the Postal Service on Sept. 23, 1979.

The 1979 medal will be available this summer to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the sea duel between the Bonhomme Richard and the Seraphis. Persons interested in insuring an opportunity to purchase the medal, or the First Day medal-commemorative stamp combination should send a postcard with their name and address to the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

The Society is chartered by the Congress of the U.S. as a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and publicizing the history and tradition of the Constitution and the Capitol of the U.S.

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Kobaban (small size gold). During the Tempo Era, a Goryoban (half oban) was issued. In addition to government issues, several provincial types valued at one Ryo also were in circulation during the Tokugawa Period.

The largest silver nugget ever recorded was one of 2,750 lbs. troy (2,263 lbs. avoirdupois), found in Sonora, Mexico. It was appropriated by the Spanish government before 1821.

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COIN WORLD PUBLISHES 1,000TH WEEKLY EDITION

COIN WORLD, the nation's first and largest weekly newspaper for coin collectors, published its 1,000th edition June 13 at its Amos Press plant in Sidney, Ohio.

A limited number of souvenir copies are available while quantities last for 50 cents to cover postage and handling by writing COIN WORLD, Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45367.

"Though there were few in 1960 who thought the hobby would sustain a weekly paper, COIN WORLD experienced a phenomenal climb in circulation," according to publisher John O. Amos.

Readership over the 90,000 mark and an average of more than 100 pages today point to an increasingly hungry audience seeking ever more specialized information and advertisements to buy and sell U.S. and world coin issues, tokens, medals, paper money, and related numismatic items, Amos said.

With a news network linking coin capitals and mints throughout the world and with educational features, up to the minute coin price "Trends" and relevant editorials, COIN WORLD has been influential in the spiralling rise of interest in the hobby.

The publication has often been identified as a major factor in an explosive growth in coin collecting in 1960. Then, people were still finding the famous 1909-S VDB cents and even some Indian head cents in their pocket change.

"Trends of U.S. Coin Values," often called the numismatic Dow Jones, was introduced in the first COIN WORLD issue to note fast paced changes in market prices. This service was later expanded to include U.S. paper money and world coin and paper money "Trends."

The Collector's Clearinghouse page has aided hobbyists in identifying coin varieties, finds and oddities over the years since 1960.

Last year, Clearinghouse reported two silver-clad 1977-D Eisenhower silver dollars found in circulation (supposedly the only ones with silver were those from the San Francisco Mint.) Since then, only a half dozen or so have surfaced.

To investment-minded collectors, the rise in coin prices has been spectacular. Who could have predicted in 1960 there would be no silver in today's coins? Or that gold would be selling upward at $230 (then it was $35) per ounce? or even silver at more than $7 (then 91 cents per ounce)?

In those 19 years, dozens of coins have topped the 1,000 percent appreciation mark — some Morgan silver dollars, Walking Liberty half dollars and Mercury dimes, to name a few. The 1893-S Morgan silver dollar alone soared 3,900 percent in that time, or an average of 205 percent per year.

Today's readers are scanning COIN WORLD pages to determine new di

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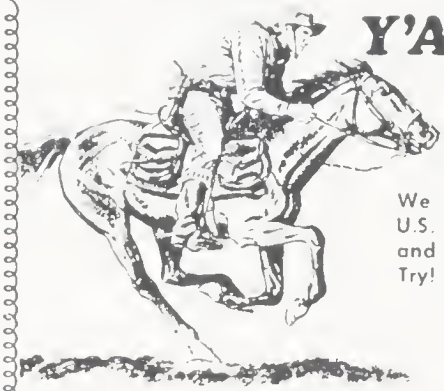

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Hugo Loewenstern Jr. of Amarillo was a celebrity in 1932! Hugo was included in Ripley's Believe It Or Not in 1932 as the nine year old who had memorized 76 music compositions. In reply to my inquiry Hugo wrote: "I have over the years kept up with my music, of course, not to the extent of playing professionally but have done some recordings in the past few years. I now am enjoying one of the cassette album tapes and believe me he can still make music."

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We were happy that legislation was approved to strike a gold medal for cancer stricken actor John Wayne. Wayne had starred in more than 150 movies since his first in 1929 and in 1969 he won an oscar for his role in "True Grit." The medal will be simply inscribed "John Wayne, America."

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And the "seeing eye" dogs have been honored on a new postage stamp released June 13. The U.S. Postal Service issued a 15-cent stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of Seeing Eye, Inc., the nation's major supplier of "seeing eye" dogs. The stamp feature a picture of a German shepherd dog in harness held by a man and the legend "Seeing For Me."

Here's a new one for the use of a coin. When George Raft, the dancer movie star, entered flatfoot waltz contests in his early career with his mother in hopes of getting the $5.00 prize offered, he used a little trick with a dime. In a flatfoot waltz one cannot take their heels off the floor forcing one to glide over it as if it were a magnet. Raft used to cut holes in his heels and insert dimes so that the gliding would be easier.

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Take this in! The most extreme recorded case of coin swallowing was revealed by Sedgefield General Hospital, County Durham, England, on Jan. 1, 1958, when it was reported that 566 half pennies, 26 sixpences, 17 three pences, 17 pennies and four shillings (424 coins valued at about $5.00) and 27 pieces of wire totaling 7 lbs. 1 oz. had been extracted from the stomach of a 54 year old man. What a diet!

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ANA News Roundup

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Well I've just done something I'm very proud of! I just sent off the application and payment to enroll in ANA's Intermediate Correspondence Course. After reading the list of the 20 chapters which are offered, I'm already realizing how much I **DON'T** know! Application forms are available from: ANA, Box 2366, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80901, and the cost is $13 for junior collectors who are not ANA members, $11 for Junior ANA members, $20 for adults who are not ANA members, and $15 for adult ANA members. It promises to be the best $15 I ever spent.

Ed Rochette, who is the executive vice-president of ANA, has reported that membership applications are on the increase. A total of 391 were received in April, which is the largest amount since May 1977. It will not be long 'til the 100,000th membership application will be received and processed. And that lucky collector will be in for a great treat! The ANA Board of Governors will reimburse that collector who gets membership 100,000 up to $500 of his or her expenses to an ANA convention. It is enough to make me want to apply for another number!

If you are presently a member, the ANA Board also has a nice change for you. You know that presently your dues to ANA are $15 yearly. However, if you want to pay in multiples of years, you can save $5 for paying 3 years dues ($40) or save more by paying for 5 years ($60). That's quite a saving and should encourage lots of you to pay your dues in advance!

Stacks of New York City have added to ANA's collection of Biblical coins. Among the donations were a shekel of Tyre (AD 46-47), and 3 Judean Leptons (AD 15-36). The shekel of Tyre is the one popularly referred to as one of the "Thirty Pieces of Silver" Judas received for his betrayal of Christ. The denarius is commonly called the "Tribute Penny," and the leptons are also called the "Widow's Mites."

Stacks also donated a bronze of Cleopatra VII, who was the wife of Marc Anthony (52-30 BC). If you are going to be in Colorado Springs on vacation, be sure to visit the ANA headquarters and museum.

The paper currency of the Transvaal government of South Africa because of a shortage of paper in 1902 was printed on the lined yellow pads normally used by school children.

WANT A DOLLAR?

An advertising paper "dollar" featuring a likeness of Susan B. Anthony was available to guests during the recent TNA convention. The Amarillo Coin Club was responsible for the printing and issuing of the souvenir dollars which advertised the convention and the coin club.

If anyone desires one of these souvenir dollars, send a self-addressed stamped envelope and state how many wanted to Nela Runkle, 4304 Jennie Ave., Amarillo 79106.

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Have you been an exhibit or bourse chairman? Or how about general chairman at a local show? If you never have, how about volunteering for one of these sometime? I wouldn't recommend opting for show chairman the first time out. Work up to it - I'm still trying to get there myself.

I started out as exhibits chairman. Our next show in Amarillo will be the third time I've been bourse chairman. It really isn't hard, especially if you will get an experienced person to give you advice. They have a lot of good ideas that will help to make your job easier.

Now, I want you to understand any of these jobs aren't easy. They take a lot of work, but it is very rewarding work. You gain a lot of experience and responsibility. You have to be willing to set aside the time and the effort. Many times you have to do paper work when you would rather be out with your friends or doing something else. It's just like your English report, it has to be done. Of course, there will also be some hassle involved. When you get two people together, you know they don't always get along. Just imagine what it's like with 20 exhibitors wanting the same space or 50 dealers wanting the table by the door.

There is always two ways to do something, the easy [illegible] and your way. If you do take on one of these tasks, always be open to suggestions. Let me start with your first suggestion, take on one of these tasks. Maybe you're not even interested in any of these things I've mentioned, that's fine. How about being hospitality, registration, ticket chairman, or any of a dozen other chairmanships? Think about it!

COIN WORLD PUBLISHES —

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[illegible]tions for their coin purchases and investment decisions.

Will the new Susan B. Anthony dollar negate today's $1 bills? Will Uncle Sam go along with an advisory panel to put 978,000 Carson City silver dollars into the hands of the public?

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JULY 29

DAL-WORTH COIN & STAMP CLUB, bourse,Rodeway Inn, Dallas-Ft Worth Toll Road & Hiway 360 at Six Flags WRITE Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft Worth 76118

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AUGUST 3-5

SPANISH TRAIL COLLECTORS CLUB, 11th annual show Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center El Paso BOURSE Frank Fox 8108 Newland Court El Paso 79915

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AUGUST 4-5

CAPITAL CITY COIN CLUB, Austin coin show Quality Inn South WRITE L M Robinson, 2406 Parker Lane Austin 78741

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BELLAIRE COIN CLUB, annual show Community Center 7000 S Rice WRITE Club Box 303 Bellaire 77401

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AUGUST 18-19

ODESSA COIN CLUB, annual show Inn of the Golden West WRITE August H Ganze Jr 3842 E Everglade, Odessa 79762

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SEPTEMBER 8-9

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SEPTEMBER 15-16

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SEPTEMBER 16

BEEVILLE COIN CLUB, 12th annual show, Bee County College Student Center WRITE Club, Box 209 Beeville 78102 or Lucille Brown, Sec Box 17, Pettus 78146

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SEPTEMBER 29-30

AUSTIN COIN CLUB Money Mart Quality Inn South WRITE Club Box 1225 Austin 78767

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OCTOBER 5-7

FT WORTH COIN CLUB, 18th annual show Green Oaks Inn I 20 at Hwy 183 BOURSE Del Whiteman Box 1439 Hurst 76053

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OCTOBER 6-7

NOLAN COUNTY COIN CLUB, annual Wildcat show Coliseum Annex Sweetwater WRITE Herman Nations 17 E New Mexico Sweetwater 79556

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OCTOBER 13-14

AMARILLO COIN CLUB Fall show, Villa Inn, I-40 & Grand, Tropic Room CONTACT: Linda Runkle, 4304 Jennie, Amarillo 79106

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OCTOBER 20-21

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OCTOBER 27-28

TEXOMALAND COIN & STAMP CLUB, annual show, Hotel Denison, 117 S Burnett, Denison WRITE: Club, Box 854 Denison 75020

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NOVEMBER 4

LAMB COUNTY COIN CLUB, Littlefield, annual show WRITE: Ernest Mills, 1517 E Ninth, Littlefield 79339

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NOVEMBER 9-11

NUMISMATICS INTERNATIONAL & ORGANIZATION OF INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATISTS, coin exposition Dunfey Dallas Hotel, Dallas WRITE: NICE Box 6094, Richardson 75080

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NOVEMBER 18

DALWORTH COIN & STAMP CLUB, bourse, Rodeway Inn, Dallas-Ft. Worth Toll Rd & Hiway 360 at Six Flags WRITE: Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft Worth 76118

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NOVEMBER 24-25

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TEXAS District Meetings

DISTRICT I

Twenty-five members of **Stephenville Coin Club** met in the Patio Room of Farmers First National Bank to elect new officers. Serving will be Morris Johnson, president; Brad Allen, vice president; Maxine Dalmeron, treasurer and Jo Stem, secretary.

Joe Wade
Governor

Plans were formulated for hosting a District I meeting on June 10 with special guests including TNA President [illegible] Barter of Austin and Governor Joe Wade of Ft. Worth.

The May meeting was held at Red Bandana Steak House and a gold and silver auction was held. - **Jo Stem, Sec.**

DISTRICT III

The regular meeting of **Central Texas Coin Club of** Brownwood was held in May with 58 members and guests attending. The group met in St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Melba Coursey
Governor

Melba Coursey, Dist. 3 governor, reported on the TNA convention held in Amarillo. She also announced a Dist. I meeting set for June 10 in Stephenville and a coin and stamp show at Fort Hood. O. M. Abbott was introduced as a new member. Mrs. Bobbie Adams and Mrs. Ernestine Warren furnished cookies and punch during the social hour.

At an earlier meeting it was announced that May Prentice was awarded the 10 peso gold coin given away by the club during the annual Wildcat Show sponsored by the Brownwood Jaycees. Five peso gold coins were given to Gary Price and Marie Davis. The club gave tickets when the public purchased silver and bronze medals the club had issued the past ten years.

Jim Carpenter, president, was in charge of the business meeting. Melba Coursey gave a report on the sale of medals and gave an expense report which included making a donation of $25.00 to the "Toys for Tots" at Christmas. New members were John Moore, R. A. Thomas and Mrs. Marjorie Cade. Refreshments were served by Sylvia Snodgrass and Pres. Adams closed the meeting with an auction. - **Melba Coursey, Gov. Dist. 3**

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The ponko, a string of clamshells about 30 inches long, was the first unit of currency in California. It was exchanged by Indians and valued at approximately 25 cents.

DISTRICT MEETINGS —

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DISTRICT IV

[illegible] **Waco Coin Club** at [illegible] meeting [illegible] LPSM [illegible]

Robert [illegible] Director of Secretary

[illegible] **L P Jones Sec**

DISTRICT V

[illegible] **Texoma land Coin & Stamp Club** [illegible] the May meeting and [illegible] pro gram which con [illegible] the rapid [illegible] growth and [illegible] of coin collecting [illegible] the Central section [illegible] a film [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] Earth landing [illegible] in Oper [illegible] [illegible] a 350 ton payload [illegible] one half million [illegible]

Barry Wes Governor

[illegible] Wingo [illegible] **Col. Chas A Wingo Publicity**

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[illegible] **Numismatics International** [illegible] Dallas Medal [illegible] ancient Bible coins [illegible] Meetings are held monthly at Repos [illegible] 6300 East Mock [illegible]

The [illegible] bulletin contains [illegible] on Chinese coins German [illegible] the Indonesia 1954 50 Sen [illegible] A [illegible] **Club Bulletin**

DISTRICT VI

Members of **Greater Houston Coin Club** were to vote in May to change the meeting night from Friday to Wednesday and approved [illegible] meeting location [illegible] meeting at Mc[illegible] in Herman Park

During the business session George Kodl [illegible] named to serve as [illegible] Jamboree for the 1980 TNA convention to be held at Shamrock Hilton Hotel [illegible] April 25 26 2[illegible] **Club Bulletin**

Reba Chenfield won the [illegible] at the regular meeting of **Galveston County Coin Club** [illegible] Texas City News [illegible] Rosario [illegible] other prizes

[illegible]

the U.S. postoffice for nearly 30 years. Back around 1950 he noticed a few people were receiving coin magazines. He decided to see how many would be interested in forming a club. Things rocked along until about 1955 and a coin show was held at Liberty. Then in 1957 the Galveston County club was organized. Claude told of the prices of uncirculated 1950D nickels and 1955D quarters in those days.

Six copies of the ANA Numismatist were donated by the club to the La Marque Library. Ruby Threlkeld was to be in charge of the June program. - **Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**

DISTRICT VII -

Frank Galindo
Governor

New officers elected to serve **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio are Jack Calhoun, president; Harold Riseloh, first vice president; Bob Krocker, second vice president; Kate Cooke, secretary; Del Cooke, treasurer; and John Flores, Lanrine Meyer and Rita Holmes, Board members.

April programs included a talk by Del Cooke on "Egypt's Forgotten Coin" and one by Bob Krocker on "Collecting Type Coins of the United States."

Planned for May meetings were a mini program by Karla Galindo on an English struck copy of the Lusitania medal and Freeman Craig was to talk on Canadian coinage. - **Club Bulletin**

Winner of a $5.00 attendance prize for the first meeting in May of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio was Charles Schneider. The club welcomed as new members Andrew De La Pena, Barbara Sox and Ruth Downs.

Exhibiting at the 22nd annual Fort Sam Houston Hobby Show May 19-20 were Frank and Karla Galindo, Lee and Lisa Grossman, Rita Holmes, Del Cooke and Charles Schneider.

Members donating items for auction were Butch Muennik and Ed O'Connor. - **Rogelio Duran, Sec.**

DISTRICT VIII

Joe B. Davis
Governor

Joe B. Davis was elected to serve as president of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** assisted by Floyd Bieniek, 1st 3vice president; Glen Litrell, secretary; and Billy Tate, treasurer. Installation of the new officers took place at the Sirloin Stockade on May 24.

At the May 8 meeting, Judge Marty Garza talked about his comic book collecting. Although still a coin collector, the Judge said he was very heavy into comic books which is now a "big business" and some of the rare popular books are bringing prices ranging into the thousands of dollars.

Norma Mather who has moved to Weslaco in the Rio Grande Valley was presented a plaque and a club life membership in appreciation of her service to the club. Norma has served as president, secretary and on numerous committees. Receiving the annual Joe B. Davis award was Floyd Bieniek, for the third time. - **Club Bulletin**

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DISTRICT MEETINGS —

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DISTRICT IX

D. O. Joplin continues perfect attendance at meetings of **Levelland Coin Club** since the club was organized in 1960. The May meeting with four present was held at the Chamber of Commerce building.

D.O. Joplin
Governor

Eddie Shaw of Andrews was a guest and Jim Shaw won the attendance prize. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9**

Dates for the 1980 coin show sponsored by **South Plains Coin Club** of Lubbock have been set for Feb. 14, 15, 16 at Lubbock Memorial Civic Center. For complete information write the club 3521 66th Dr., Lubbock 79413.

A discussion was held on the replacement of club president and vice president due to their moving from the city. Named to serve the balance of the term were Murrill Riggins, president, and John Roberts, vice president. Jim Hall and D. O. Joplin conducted the auction. Carl Anderson passed out grading sheets of ANA standards and Ron Nugent was winner of the door prize. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9**

Dr. J. H. Oyer reported to members of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield that he had visited ANA headquarters in Colorado Springs and stated [illegible] one coin for the [illegible]

Nelda Keiso and Michelle Mu[illegible] were guests and Dr. Oyer won the door prize. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9**

DISTRICT X -

Final plans were made for the Aug. 3-5 collectors show hosted by **Spanish Trail Collectors Club** of El Paso. The show will be held at Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center. Plans called for only 55 bourse tables and numerous displays will be set up. Frank Fox is club president and also general chairman.

John N. Berger
Governor

On May 3 members of **International Coin Club** of El Paso participated in an auction which contained 20 lots and on May 17 the group enjoyed bourse night. Fifteen members set up tables for buying, selling and swapping. Forty-five members and guests enjoyed the bourse and also a film on world crowns.

New officers installed were Ray Cruz, president; Ed Young, vice president; Chuck Nail, secretary; Richard Worthington, treasurer; Smokey Katzman, Sgt. at Arms; Mark Garcia, historian; and Walt Woelper, past president on Board. — **John N. Berger, Gov. Dist. 10**

A coin minted by Duke Wolfgang of Zweibruchken, Germany, for use in 1826, for use in paying taxes and giving alms, bore the Biblical Inscription: "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's."

DISTRICT XI -

Hutchinson County Stamp & Coin Club of Borger has affiliated with High Plains Regional Philatelic Assn according to an announcement by Jim Bynum, HPRPA president.

Tommy Tompkins
Governor

Bynum of Amarillo made the announcement at a recently held meeting of the Borger club. The HPRPA consists of clubs in west Texas, eastern New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle. Bynum addressed members and guests of the Borger-based club. He spoke on how to exhibit stamps.

The Borger club is also a member of TNA and meets the third Monday in Opportunities Center. Borger collectors interested in joining the Hutchinson County club should contact Eva Plumlee, 16 East St., Phillips 79007.

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The social event of the summer for **Amarillo Coin Club** was a picnic planned for June 24 at Thompson Park. A barbeque lunch and home-made ice cream was on the menu and the afternoon was to be spent at various games.

At the May meeting Charles Arnold gave a program on United States Mints. The meeting was held in the Centennial Room of First National Bank. Winners of silver dollars and proof sets were Lowell McKown, Galen Thompson, Donna Arnold, Ernest Cummings and Raymond Bates.

The fall coin show has been set for Oct. 13-14 in the Tropic Room at Villa Inn. For more information contact Linda Runkle, 4303 Jennie, Amarillo 79106. - **Club Bulletin & Linda Runkle, TNA Rep**

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DISTRICT XV -

The 20th annual coin show sponsored by **Beaumont Coin Club** will be held Sept. 15-16 at Beaumont Civic Center with Jerry Williams as general chairman. Assisting will be Glenn Broussard, exhibits, Dewey Scott and Kenneth Albertson, registration, and Steve Pecora and James Eldridge, publicity.

Jerry A. Williams
Governor

During the May club meeting, Mr. Wright, attorney, was the speaker. He discussed Deeds and Trust and how to save money on wills. At an earlier meeting Jerry Williams gave a program on Lincoln cents.

Winning door prizes were Glenn Broussard, Kenneth Albertson and Bess Stout. - **Club Bulletin**

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A discussion was held on the recent coin show hosted by **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** and letters of appreciation were read from dealers who enjoyed the club's hospitality. Buck Dowden won the Joe Stokes award for best in show exhibit.

The Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce has invited the club to host a TNA convention in the new civic center. The club President appointed a committee to go into the matter. Serving will be Alton Hughes and

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James Rodriguez — **Club Bulletin**

The regular meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club** was held at Orange Community Center with Dewey Scott on hand at the business session. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hughes of Port Arthur were welcomed as new members.

Dewey Scott, Ski Bilowick and Clyde McKee volunteered to serve on a committee to assist the Boy Scouts in earning their merit badges in coin collecting.

A discussion was held on articles from the front page of "Numismatic News" and included the Susan B. Anthony dollars, the Indian Head $20 gold coin of 1907 and the proposed $100 gold coin. — Lucy Canter, Sec.

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First Weekend in October

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FOR INFORMATION

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FIRST SUNDAY OF MARCH

Club Meets Third Tuesday
Chamber of Commerce Bldg

Lamb County Coin & All Hobby Show

[illegible] always the 1st Sunday in November. [illegible] Ernest Mills 1517 [illegible] Phone 806-385-[illegible]

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Always The Weekend After Labor Day

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WORLDWIDE USE OF GOLD IN LEGAL TENDER COINS CONTINUES TO GROW

Forty-seven percent more legal tender gold coinage issues were minted worldwide in 1978 than in 1977 according to MODERN GOLD COINAGE-1978 just published by The Gold Institute/Institut de l'Or. The 128 issues by 49 countries represent that increase over the 87 issues by 46 countries the previous year.

MODERN GOLD COINAGE also records a corresponding increase of 48% in the amount of gold used in denominated coins over and above the previous year. These denominated legal tender gold coins contain 1,174,025 troy ounces of pure gold compared with 793,531 troy ounces of such coins in the previous year. These figures are in addition to the gold in the South African Krugerrand which is a bullion coin without a currency denomination. Canada, Mexico, the Soviet Union and South Africa issued the largest amounts of gold money.

MODERN GOLD COINAGE presents precise data on the description, dimension, weight, fineness (pure gold percentage), number issued and other information for every gold issue in the world. This information was prepared by The Gold Institute/l'Institut de l'Or with the cooperation of the central banks, ministries of finance, and mints of every country in the world as well as officials of the International Monetary Fund.

Most of the 49 countries that issued gold coins in 1978 are members of the International Monetary Fund but among the non-IMF countries which issued gold money are Cuba, Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Union.

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Olympic coins. The mintages of all three of these coins were entirely sold out shortly after issue.

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